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## WEATHERED

Storms of the Past Year and All Are Safe in the Harbor.

Dreadful Panic Failed to Hurt Any Local Societies of Catholics.

All Are Eagerly Awaiting the Better Things Now Promised.

## OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR

Societies of Catholics take stock of their goods at the close of the year just as any individual firm or corporation. They desire to see where they stand and to prepare for the future; they want to start right; to gain numerically and to gain the best class of material available. Each of these societies has its own aims and objects, its own mode of procedure. Many of them believe in rotation in office, just as the farmer believes in the rotation of crops; others believe in holding on to a capable officer if he is willing to serve. The past year has been a strenuous one for all societies, and yet the societies of Catholics in Louisville can not say that they have suffered more than any of their dissenting brethren.

During 1908 each of the four divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary have made substantial gains in membership, and none has suffered materially in the treasury. The national and State conventions gave a new impetus to the order in Louisville. Then came the election of County Board officers and many new faces appeared, but the four divisions and the Ladies' Auxiliary believed their old officers, who had piloted them to a safe harbor in time of panic, were the people to tie to. John M. Mulloy declined to stand for re-election as President of Division 1, so the members took another man, who had been tried under more than one fire, Thomas Keenan, Sr. Mr. Keenan has represented his division, his county and his State in the Council of the order, and is ready to do it again. Divisions 2, 3 and 4 elected their former Presidents and a majority of their subordinate officers. The A. O. H. is ready for a campaign for 1909 right now. The Ladies' Auxiliary also re-elected Miss Rose Swenson as President, and she has promised to help them to better things during the year to come.

During the past year the Knights of Columbus have purchased their own home on Fourth avenue, New York, and the additions they have planned are well on their way to completion. Louisville Council has occupied its new home since early in the year, and early in the new year expects to furnish the new additions and to start with many new officers.

Mackin Council, Y. M. I., will start the year free from indebtedness. It is true that there is a note due in May, but the money is on hand to pay it now if necessary. Trinity Council has entered its splendid new home on Baxter avenue, and will be out of debt ere long. Unity Council, of New Albany, has owned its own home for several years, but is constantly making improvements.

The Catholic Knights of America, with their nineteen branches in and about the Falls Cities, have let a grass grow under their feet during the past twelve months. When a branch appeared to lag the Central Committee investigated and remedied the trouble. During the coming year a series of entertainments are planned that will add interest and enthusiasm to the older members.

The Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, another organization that has a large following in Louisville, has gained instead of suffered during the past year. Now that the panic is past it expects greater things for next year.

The seven commanderies of the Knights of St. John in the Falls Cities have no reason to complain of the past year, and the Catholic Order of Foresters now have three councils in this city—one at St. Boniface's, one at St. Louis Bertrand's and one at St. Anthony's parish, and all are growing.

The Federation of Catholic Societies, of Jefferson county had very little to do during the past year, but what little had to be done was done well.

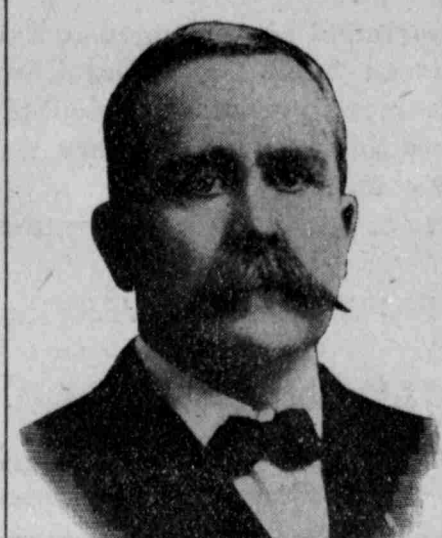
## VERMONT PRELATE DEAD.

The Right Rev. John Michaud, Bishop of Burlington, died at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City, on Tuesday. He had suffered from Bright's disease for more than a year, and went abroad two months ago in hope of restoring his health. He visited Rome, but spent the greater part of his time abroad in his native France. Realizing that the end was fast approaching, he embarked for America ten days ago. His condition grew worse on the ocean, and on Monday he was taken from the steamer in a dying condition. The deceased was sixty-five years old and had been Bishop of Burlington for sixteen years.

## HONORED BY POPE.

His Holiness Pope Pius X. has recently honored an Irishman and an Irish-American with the knighthood of St. Gregory the Great. Thomas O'Loughlin of Kilkenny, paid a visit to Rome. He has given largely of his means to Catholic charities and recently expended \$200,000 for the erection of a church in his native

parish, and expects to spend \$35,000 more on the erection of a spire. When the Pope heard of his generosity he bestowed the decoration and dignity of knighthood on him. The American thus honored is Dr. Thomas McParlan, of New York, a former specialist in diseases of children. Knighthood came to him at the special request of Archbishop Aversa, the Apostolic Delegate to Cuba, and with the full approval of Archbishop Farley, of New York.



THOMAS KEENAN, SR., President Division 1, A. O. H.

## GALLAGHER BOYS

Have Prepared Great Treat For Friends of Unity Council.

Great things are expected of the minstrel performance to be given under the auspices of Unity Council's Gallagher Club at St. Joseph's Hall, New Albany, on the evenings of next Tuesday and Wednesday. The performance will begin each evening at 8 o'clock. It will be an old time minstrel show put on by amateurs, and the New Albany Y. M. I. boys want their friends in the three Falls Cities and vicinity to come and enjoy the fun. The general price of admission will be twenty-five cents, with ten cents extra for reserved seats.

Fred C. Reisz, the popular President of the Gallagher Club, will be the interlocutor. Leon Hammer and Harry Lee will be the "tambors," and Will Kerr and Ben Jones the "bones." The four comedians will be backed up by a number of soloists and a chorus of fifty male voices. Among the soloists in the first part will be William Bir, tenor; Martin Sillings, bass; Robert Martin, tenor, and Clifford Beeler, the "boy wonder."

In the olio Jones and Lee will appear in a sketch; Cory Seabrook has a new monologue turn; a quartette, composed of Sillings, Martin, Roth and Davis, will render popular selections; Clifford Beeler will appear in an original pickaninny stunt, and Miss Emma Schaeffer and Barbara Schaub, talented New Albany girls, will assist with musical numbers.

## NEWPORT ELECTS.

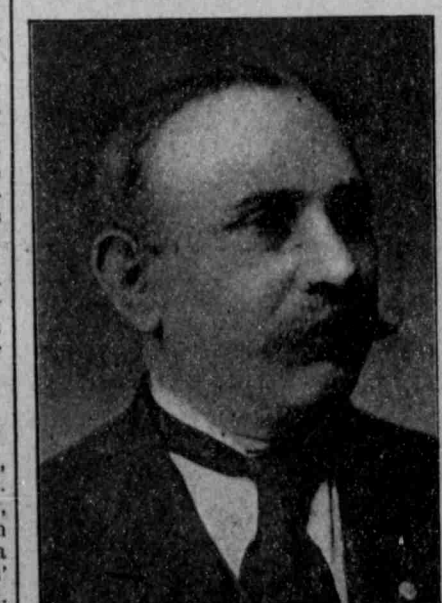
Good Men Chosen Officers by Campbell County Hibernians.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians at Newport, Ky., have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—A. J. Patterson.  
Vice President—James Holahan.  
Treasurer—John Callery.  
Financial Secretary—John Von Hagen.

Recording Secretary—Thos. Hester.  
Standing Committee—Thomas Diskin, James Prout, Robert J. North, Lawrence Diskin and James Barton.

The Newport division is getting along swimmingly and the prospects for next year are very bright.



CON J. FORD, President Division 2, A. O. H.

## OLD SANTA PERPLEXED.

Santa Claus got the surprise of his life when he found seven instead of six stockings suspended from the mantle at 726 West St. Catherine street on Christmas eve night. Old Santa knew it was Dave Reilly's domiciliary edifice—that is he felt sure it was—but the seventh stocking had him guessing. He awakened Dave, who told Santa it was all right, a new baby girl had arrived, but the happy father forgot to announce it to his friends. He offered an apology to Santa Claus and promised to let him know of future arrivals.

## SUBMISSION

To the Law First Lesson Taught by Our Lord and Saviour.

Significance of the Feast to Be Celebrated On New Year's Day.

Epiphany and What It Recalls to Members of Catholic Church.

## UNDUE REVELRY HAS NO PARTS

Next Friday will be the Feast of the Circumcision, ordinarily called New Year's day. It is a holiday of obligation, and all Catholics must attend mass that day under pain of mortal sin. Moreover it is the first day of the new year, and as many Protestants as Catholics in America recognize it as a temporal holiday at least.

To Catholics it commemorates the day upon which our Divine Saviour was presented in the temple to submit to the rite required of every male child born of the Jews upon the eighth day after his birth. Our Saviour, being the Son of God and the second person of the Blessed Trinity, did not have to submit to such a rite, but various reasons are given by theologians and spiritual writers which made it fitting for Him to undergo that operation. One spiritual writer declares: "As it pleased God to send his Son, made under the law to redeem those who were under the law, so it became Christ to submit to the yoke of the law by receiving circumcision, that He might free his brethren from subjection to that law."

Although tradition has it that the feast was celebrated from the earliest Christian times, the first written mention of its celebration was made in Canon 17, of the council which met at Tours, 567 A. D. "In order," so the canon runs, "to tread under foot the custom of the heathen, our fathers ordained that private litanies should be held at the beginning of January, and that at the eighth hour on the first day of the month the mass of the circumcision, pleasing to God, should be said." From this it can be seen that the feast was already ancient in the sixth century. In the ninth century the feast was also celebrated as the octave of the Lord's nativity.

In the olden days January 1 was observed as a fast, though probably it was not prolonged beyond 3 o'clock in the afternoon. St. Augustine, St. Chrysostom and other fathers of the church inculcated against the heathen customs and revelry that took place on January 1. The Catholics have been celebrating the feast for nineteen centuries, and as it is within the octave of the Lord's nativity it comes in for a fair share of the Christmas festivities.

Although the Angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin that her child was to be called Jesus, the presentation of the infant Saviour in the Temple on the eighth day after his birth is commemorated as the day on which He received his name. Again the church celebrates the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus on the second Sunday after Epiphany.

Epiphany, often called Little Christmas, is celebrated annually on January 6, to commemorate the visit of the three Wise Men of the East, who came to adore the new born Saviour, and who brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The church celebrates this day the manifestation of Christ's glory, first in his adoration by the Magi or Wise Men; in his baptism, when a voice from heaven proclaimed Him the Son of God; in the miracles by changing water into wine. In the fourth century Epiphany ranked among the greatest solemnities of the church. The vigil is not a fast day, because the whole Christmas season is regarded as a feast.

## SUDDEN SUMMONS.

Thomas Camfield, a Veteran of Hibernian Order, Is No More.

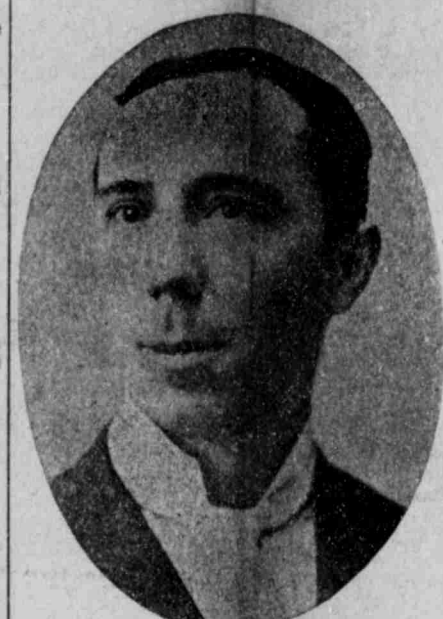
Thomas Camfield, Sr., one of the oldest and most favorably known members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America in Louisville, died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home, 1305 Payne street, Monday night. Although he had not been in the best of health for several years his ailments were not considered of a serious nature. Friday afternoon he complained of an attack of asthma, but did not take to his bed until Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and died six hours later. The deceased was born in New Orleans fifty-nine years ago, but lived in Louisville forty-five years. He was engaged in the shoe business in this city thirty-two years before he retired. He is survived by two sons, Thomas Camfield, Jr., who conducts a saloon at Floyd and Main streets, and Frank, and three daughters, Misses Annie, Katie and Mamie Camfield.

The funeral took place from St. Aloysius church on Thursday morning, and the large attendance showed that the deceased was held in high esteem.

## BOOMERANG JUDGMENT.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has decided adversely

to labor officials in the famous contempt case of the Buck's Stove and Range Company against President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison. The court holds that they must go to jail for twelve, six and nine months respectively. Of course they have the right of appeal and will avail themselves of it, but Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison in jail will not help sell Buck's stoves.



BEN J. SAND, President Cigar-makers Union.

## PROROGUED

Parliament Takes a Recess Until Middle of February.

The first session of Parliament under the Premiership of Herbert Asquith came to an end on Monday, when both houses of Parliament were prorogued until February 16. So far as practical work is concerned the first session of the Asquith administration closed Saturday. The meeting of the two houses Monday was merely to receive King Edward's assent to bills already passed.

The most important bills passed during the session were the old age pension bill, Irish university bill, the bill limiting a day's work for miners who are employed underground to eight hours, and the bill appropriating \$115,000,000 for the purchase of the London docks. The session has witnessed the breach between the House of Commons and Lords. The rejection of the Education bill, for which the Liberals claimed they had received a mandate at the election of 1906, augmented the bad feeling resulting last year from the rejection or mutilation by the Lords of the education, plural voting and Scottish land valuation bills.

There is still talk of the dissolution of Parliament and an appeal to the country against the action of the Lords, but it is more likely that Premier Asquith will try another session, the main feature of which will be the budget introducing radical changes in taxation.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

"To my many friends I desire to announce my candidacy for the office of Clerk of Jefferson county, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Thanking my many



M. S. CALLAHAN.

friends in advance for the hearty support I feel certain I will receive, I would ask all of them to make my candidacy as widely known as possible, and if elected will try to make a capable and an efficient County Clerk.

Mr. Callahan is a native of Louisville, and has lived here all his life except the brief time he spent with the United States army during the Spanish-American war, when he was a member of the Second United States Cavalry. Since then, or during the past seven years, he has been Car Inspector and Chief Clerk for the Kentucky & Indiana Bridge Company. He is active in the Woodmen of the World, the Louisville Tammany Club and head of the M. S. Callahan dry goods and shoe dealers' house at Seventh and Magnolia. He is also a twin brother of Thomas J. Callahan, Aide of Chief Fillmore Tyson, of the fire department. Mr. Callahan is an energetic young business man, and if nominated his friends believe he can be elected.

## KENTUCKY TOURISTS PLEASED.

Phillip Kelly and daughter, Mrs. H. T. Esterle, and the other tourists from Kentucky and Tennessee who left Louisville a fortnight ago, spent Christmas at Paris, Texas. Mr. Kelly and his party have visited Texarkana, Dallas, Sherman, Fort Worth and neighboring towns. They will also see Galveston and four Oklahoma before returning home. Mr. Kelly has written to friends here that he is delighted with his trip, and expresses admiration for the Rev. Father Diamond, the parish priest at Paris, and the new Catholic church erected there.

## QUARTERLY

Meeting of the A. O. H. Held at Bertrand Hall, Proves Beneficial.

Each of the Local Divisions Was Well Represented at Installation.

Chaplain of Division 4, Was Pleasantly Surprised by Members.

## MANY INTERESTING ADDRESSES

The four local divisions of the A. O. H. held a joint meeting and installation of officers at Bertrand Hall last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Previous to the joint meeting the members of Division 4 assembled, when Attorney Newton G. Rogers stepped forward and, in behalf of the division, presented a purse of gold to the Chaplain, the Rev. Father Christmas. Father Christmas was taken by surprise, but quickly recovering made a brief speech of thanks and promised to aid and encourage the order in all its undertakings. Quite a number of members of the other divisions witnessed the presentation and applauded the address made by Father Christmas.

County President Patrick J. Welsh called the joint meeting to order. It was the first of the quarterly meetings of this character ordered under the new laws of the national and State conventions. The attendance was large and representative, all the hardworking and earnest Hibernians being present. Each division was represented by its quota, and a real spirit of brotherly love prevailed. The Rev. Father Christmas opened the meeting with prayer and delivered an address on the necessity of a Catholic education for children. He urged every member of the A. O. H. to help Catholic schools by sending their children to them and to encourage others to do likewise. In that way, he said, the order would be of great assistance to the church.

State President George J. Butler delivered an address on Irish history, telling how each division should read at least one chapter at each meeting. He said the order had not only done good for its members, but had accomplished much for the Catholic community in general. President Butler said he had appointed James P. Barry, of Division 1, to inaugurate the reading of Irish history in those divisions that have not already taken up the work. James P. Barry was next introduced and spoke along similar lines. President Patrick T. Sullivan, of Division 3, requested the divisions and members to be liberal in support of the new home for working boys, St. Lawrence Institute. He told what a worthy charity it was and asked each of the divisions to donate a bed.

Thomas Keenan, St., invited the members of all the divisions to attend a meeting of Division 1 on the night of January 5. Mr. Keenan is the newly elected President of the division, and that body has made arrangements for installing its officers and a social session on the above date. He said he was glad to be back in harness again, and promised his best efforts to build up his division and the order. Attorney Newton G. Rogers made a brief address on the strength of the Catholic church and told how the A. O. H. could lend it assistance. William P. McDonogh made a brief speech in behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary, requesting the members to attend the performances of Fiske O'Hara at Masonic Theater this week. Con J. Ford and John H. Hennessy, Presidents of Divisions 2 and 4 respectively, also made brief addresses. Both said they believed the quarterly meetings would prove beneficial.

During the meeting the officers of Divisions 2, 3 and 4 assembled in the hall and were jointly installed by County President Welsh with impressive ceremony.

Stephen J. McElliot made a brief speech advocating unity, and said it was the duty of all Hibernians to help their unemployed brethren to find work.

The County President and the four division Presidents were appointed a committee to select a degree team for the year, and they expect to devote much time to perfecting this branch of the order. Before the meeting adjourned the members offered up prayers for the repose of the soul of the late P. J. O'Connor, of Savannah, former National President.

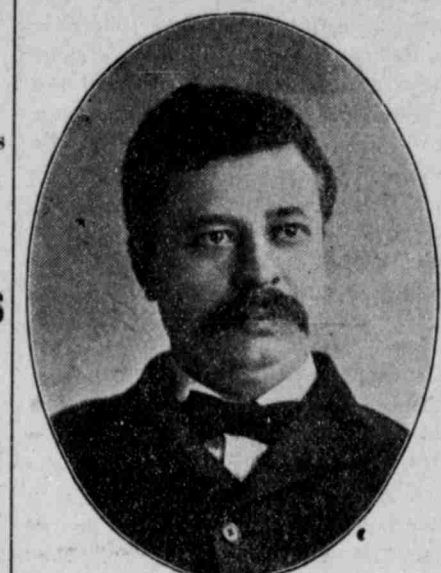
## GREAT PROGRESS

Is Being Made in the Ranks of Kenton County Hibernians.

Hibernianism is making splendid progress in Kenton county, Kentucky, and the numerical and financial strength of the order there is greater now than ever before. The Covington division has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President—Philip Donnelly. Vice President—John O'Donovan. Recording Secretary—M. J. McDermott. Financial Secretary—James McBrean. Treasurer—Arthur Toner. The Kenton County Board followed by electing the following officers: President—Judge M. T. Shine. Vice President—John Finn.

Recording Secretary—James A. Flaherty.  
Financial Secretary—James G. Brennan.

Treasurer—James W. Maloney. Judge Shine, who has been honored by re-election as County President, is one of the hardest working Hibernians in the State. He has served the order as State President and is one of the national officers. Under his able leadership the order will continue to grow in Kenton county.



JOHN H. HENNESSY, President Division 4, A. O. H.

## ROME'S NEW CODE

Will Be Sent to American Bishops For Strict Observation.

A cablegram from Rome, which may be authentic, says that early in the new year all the Bishops in America, like those of the rest of the world, will receive proofs of the new codification of the laws of the church upon which the Cardinals have been working for the last five years, and which is to constitute the great historical feature of the pontificate of Pius X.

The cablegram also says that many important changes affecting the laws of marriage, the status of the clergy and the powers of Bishops will be introduced. The Bishops will be asked to examine the new code and send their observations to Rome before it is definitely promulgated. The most important novelty, so far as the church in America is concerned, will be the gradual introduction of the system of parish priests who can not be removed from their churches except for specified reasons laid down in the canon law. This decision will affect about 5,000 priests in the United States.

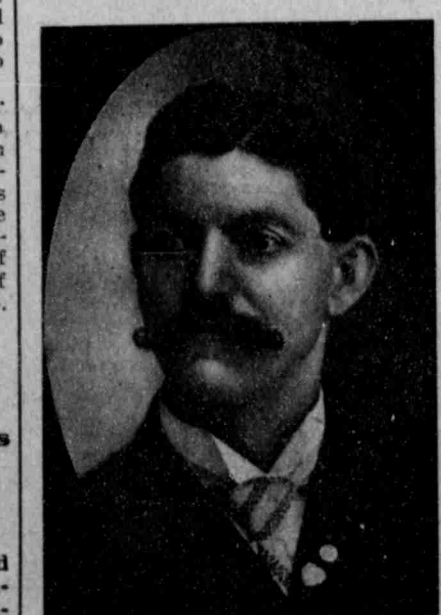
## CHRISTMAS TREE

For Colored Children at St. Augustine's Church Sunday.

A Christmas tree for the children of St. Augustine's parish, Fourteenth and Broadway, will be exhibited in the parochial school hall at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon, and every child in the parish will be invited to witness the Christmas celebration next Sunday afternoon.

Father Felton has done great work since he assumed charge of St. Augustine's. In addition to his regular pastoral duties he has organized a choir, a brass band and an orchestra. On Christmas morning his music was not surpassed by any choir in the city, even though the musicians were not white. The music of the mass was Witt's "Miss Exultet." It was rendered with the organ, brass band, orchestra and full choir.

The new heating plant at St. Augustine's has been installed and paid for.



PATRICK T. SULLIVAN, President Division 3, A. O. H.

## LOSES HER FIGHT.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rodgers, who was defeated for re-election as High Chief Ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters, has lost her suit against Mrs. Rose D. Rittman, who was elected to succeed her several months ago. The matter was decided by Judge McEwen, of the Chicago courts. Mrs. Rodgers prayed an appeal, which was granted.

## NO LIGHT

On Administration Methods Is Desired by General Council.

Many Men in Department Have Records That Are Very Unsavory.

Foster Went to Cincinnati When Pursuers Got on His Trail.

## NO REDUCTION IN THE TAX RATE

"Turn on the light," says Councilman John L. Richardson, but the other members of the Council insist that they are not afraid to go home in the dark. Mr. Richardson wants the names of appointees of the police and fire departments made public, but it would appear that the Mayor, the Board of Public Safety and the heads of the departments are afraid to let these names be known. Why? Because more than one man of disreputable and many of questionable character are holding positions under this alleged reform administration of Mayor Grinstead's. The administration has dismissed some of its own appointees, so offensive had they become.

It is a well known fact that men charged with criminal and heinous offenses are now finding not only on the police force but in the detective bureau. That Chief Haager knows of the charges preferred against them is certain, but it is hardly probable that these men remain in the department with his full approval. These appointments must at least have his tacit approval, otherwise the men would not remain in the department, or else Col. Haager would not remain as Chief.

Robert Jennings Foster, the Philippine exotic policeman, broke out in a new place last Sunday, and to smother the scandal Foster was spirited to Cincinnati. Foster holds the position of Lieutenant of Police in the Second district, which embraces the territory bounded by Sixth street, Preston, Broadway and the river. But Foster's ambition, like Caesar's, knows no bounds. Foster went skimming on Sunday and about noon discovered a business house at Second and Jefferson streets, whose employees were decorating the store with fruits and evergreens for the holidays. Foster ordered the foreman to clean up the debris. The foreman demurred and tried to explain. Foster is alleged to have grabbed him by the collar, throttled him and tore his shirt. Then he placed him under arrest. The man arrested is an exemplary and representative citizen. The assault was witnessed by a number of gentlemen, who offered to testify for the foreman. The business house in question is one of the largest and most progressive in the city, and the management went to the front for their foreman. That meant incidentally that they intended going after Foster. When the case was called in the Police Court on Monday it was continued because Foster was among those he has. Every patrolman, officer and detective is watching his fellows. The police force is absolutely demoralized.

The reform General Council has made the same old tax rate for 1909—\$1.75 on the \$100 valuation, and this in the face of the fact that 800 saloons each pay \$350 more license tax this year than heretofore, or an aggregate of \$280,000. What is becoming of the increased revenue?

The city fathers also seek to curtail expenses in the fire department. Louisville needs a more extensive fire fighting service than it now has. More engine houses and more firemen are needed to protect the property of our citizens.

The Louisville Evening Post championed the cause of President Roosevelt and of Secretary Taft, because, it declared, they stood for a square deal. This would lead one to believe that the Post always stood for a square deal. The Post championed the cause of the local Republican committee during the past fall. Did that committee give Hon. Len Merriam a square deal? Did it not tacitly approve his throw down on account of his record?

The Louisville Water Company has made no sign that it intended to reduce water rates on account of the city's increased revenues, and yet the water company has raised its price within a year by knocking off the 15 per cent. rebate for prompt payment.

The poor old decrepit and dilapidated Board of Public Works is still making excuses for the mess of things it has made in the process of renumbering. It would be hard to find in Louisville or any other city three public officials that have such a mammoth fund of absolutely worthless information as the members of the Board of Public Works.